

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 17-32 are now in the application. Claims 17-32 are subject to examination. Claims 17-32 have been added.

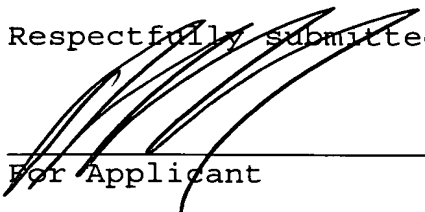
Claims 1-16 have been canceled.

This amendment is being filed to put the application in proper U.S. format. In addition, please find enclosed an English translation of the originally filed German application.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 17-32 are solicited.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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